

§7203: Rail Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing (RRIF)

- Direct Loan/Loan Guarantee Authority for:
 - State and local governments
 - government sponsored authorities and corporations
 - railroads, and joint ventures that include at least one railroad.
- Funding Limitations:
 - \$3.5 billion aggregate unpaid balance
 - \$1.0 billion benefiting non Class I RRs
 - Credit subsidy amount can be paid by the private sector



RRIF (continued)

- Eligible Projects: Acquisition, Development, Improvement, or Rehabilitation of Intermodal or Rail Equipment or Facilities, Including Track, Bridges, Yards, Buildings, and Shops
- Statutory Priority for Projects Which:
 - enhance safety
 - enhance the environment
 - promote economic development
 - included in state transportation plans
 - promote U.S. competitiveness
 - preserve/enhance service to small communities/rural areas



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- Program Implementation
 - Implementing regulations are currently being developed and must be approved by the Administration before being issued
 - No loan commitments can be made prior to issuance of regulations
 - Unique feature of Credit Risk Premium being paid by a non-Federal source may add time to approval of regulations

